

AN ACT

relating to notice of a radioactive substance release.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 501.0245 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.0245. NOTICE OF RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE RELEASE.

(a) In this section, "radioactive substance" has the meaning assigned by Section 401.003.

(b) Notwithstanding Subchapter H, Chapter 418, Government Code, or any other law requiring confidentiality, the department or any other state agency that receives a required report of a release of a radioactive substance into the environment shall immediately provide notice to each political subdivision of this state into which the substance was released. The notice must include the name, quantity, and state of matter of the radioactive substance released, if known.

(c) The information contained in the notice provided to a political subdivision under Subsection (b) is confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

H.B. No. 2203

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2203 was passed by the House on April 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2203 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor